

# CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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ADA CITIZENS who think their monthly water bills are too much should figure out what they would have to pay if the city's first rate schedule were in effect today. The ordinance, providing 56 different rates for various purposes, types of buildings and the like, was adopted on January 5, 1905. It remained in force until supplanted by a more practical method of collecting rents. Ada did not own the Byrds Mill springs then. Even the dam at the city lake was still some time in the future. Instead, the water supply came from a well about 15 feet in diameter northeast of the city on Little Sandy creek. It was not suitable for drinking purposes and the supply was exhausted rapidly during dry weather and on Saturday nights. But back to the rates—here are a few of the charges made:

Residences, one family, per hydrant \$1, each additional hydrant 25 cents; for each horse or cow, 25 cents; bakery, each oven, per month \$1.50; bath tubs, private, each per month 25 cents; bath tubs, public, each per month, \$1.50; barber shops, first chair per month \$1, each additional chair 25 cents; blacksmith shops per forge; livery stables per stall; wagon yards per stall; billiard or pool rooms per table; church each drinking fountain 50 cents; baptizing per month 50 cents; restaurants per table.

Somebody once mentioned that Love is blind but, pshaw, that's good visibility compared to policemen watching taxicabs violating traffic laws.

AUSTIN KIDWELL, who frankly admits his saxophone is his first love even to the exclusion of the radio he sleeps with, tells of this prank which occurred in Roff: Ralph Wasson and Richard Swink were informed that a massage demonstrator was in the city. Supposing that it was some sort of after-shaving treatment or the like, they went. A nice looking young lady proceeded to demonstrate by treating their faces carefully. The truth was that the young woman was demonstrating women's face creams and had given the two young huskies what is known as a "facial." No important changes are noticeable in their appearances.

Then there's another Pontotoc county school teacher who had made somewhat of a repu-

tation in the field during the past two years. He and his superintendent were not given contracts for next year. The discharged teacher, enraged, visited the board and "told them how what was what," figuring he had nothing to lose anyhow. That was on Friday. Last Monday he received a contract from the board, inviting him to return next year.

AN OLD GRAD, who apparently has had some experience in the business of getting a job in this commercial turpitude, thinks that with the spring graduating season coming on gift shops should prepare cards of condolence rather than cards of congratulation.

Bill Mackin declares that the most difficult and awkward thing he could imagine would be trying to play a cello while marching in a parade—providing the cello were a marching band instrument.

BEST DEFINITION OF THE week: Small boy's explanation that "A treaty is a fight between two or more nations."

After watching the district court in action for a week it is distressingly apparent that the majority of those who plead for justice really don't want just that.

COMES MAY, the month of parents—you know, Mother's Day, Poppy Day and MA-morial Day.

We've never been able to figure out why a woman can get so worked up when a man forgets her birthday and then doesn't mind at all when he forgets her age.

BILL MURRAY'S mathematics are different than those we learned during our variegated educational career. In a recent newspaper advertisement about something or other concerning taxes in which Bill said he was for one thing and against a couple of others, Oklahoma's former governor stated:

"Federal and state taxes on gasoline now average 50 per cent. In other words a man's gas dollar is just worth sixty cents."

Perhaps Alfalfa Bill thinks the dollar is worth \$1.20 under the new deal—or maybe twice sixty cents to buy a dollar's worth. Or maybe it was a printer's error.

If those who were crying for something to do on Sunday still are interested we might suggest that Ada's half-million dollars worth of churches will be open all day Sunday.

RAILROADS AND RAILROAD PEOPLE ought to stick to steam locomotives. Last week a railroad restaurant head tried an airplane; he and his wife were killed. In another place a gasoline motor train jumped the track and killed two persons, injuring six, to damage an otherwise good safety record.